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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ON NICARAGUA

1. GOV ON EVENING OF AUGUST 23 ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNIQUE (INFORMAL TRANSLATION)

BEGIN QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE GRAVE SITUATION FACING THE
REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA, THE COLLABORATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF VENEZUELA AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA HAS BEEN
REQUESTED. THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FAITHFUL TO THE INTERNATIONAL
POLICY OF THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS ACCEPTED WITH
PLEASURE THIS OFFER OF COLLABORATION. TO THAT EFFECT
THIS SAME NIGHT IT HAS SENT, VIA PANAMA, A HERCULES C-130
AIRCRAFT OF THE VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE.

THIS AIRCRAFT WILL SPEND THIS EVENING IN PANAMA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY, WHICH IS
ALSO COOPERATING IN THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND WILL
LAND TOMORROW, THURSDAY, AT 8 A.M. NICARAGUAN TIME CARRYING
TO PANAMA AND VENEZUELA THE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND
COMMANDOS OF THE SANDINISTA GROUP WHO CARRIED OUT THE
OPERATION. ALL OF THE FOREGOING WAS AGREED TO BY THE
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GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA AND THE SANDINISTA FRONT AS WELL AS
THOSE WHO WILL COME ACCOMPANIED BY BISHOPS AND AMBASSADOR
WHO HAVE ACTED AS MEDIATORS. END QUOTE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
THE VENEZUELAN AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE OFF FROM MANAGUA AT 3 P..
MANAGUA TIME, AUGUST 24, CARRYING 30 "POLITICAL PRISONERS"

AND THE "COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR". EMBASSY WILL SEND FURTHER
INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE.
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